

Meeting Minutes
Prevailing Wage Advisory Committee
December 19, 2013

Attendees:

Prevailing Wage Advisory Committee Members: Kathleen Garrity (Associated Builders and Contractors), Bruce Chattin (Washington Aggregates & Concrete Association), Josh Swanson (Operating Engineers Union IUOE Local 302), Dave Myers (Washington State Building and Construction Trades Council), Ginger Eagle (WA Public Ports Association), Alison Hellberg (AWC), Lee Newgent (Seattle Building Trades), Denys Tak (WSDOT), and Van Collins (Associated General Contractors)

L&I Staff: Liz Smith, Jim Christensen, Roosevelt Currie, Marcus Ehrlander, Debbie Loomis, Ramona Christensen-Russell, Daina Shea, Shawn Dove, Suchi Sharma, Beverly Clark

Others Present: Earl Smith, Billy Wallace, Miriam Israel Moses, Matthew Thompson, Jim Charest, Peter Guzman, Bill Klah, Tom Wishard, Eric Coffelt, Chris McClain, Eric Gustafson, Ken Ervin, Jimmy Osborne, Trudes Tango, Jerry Trudeau

Agenda Item	Discussion
Opening Remarks Introductions	Liz Smith <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opened the meeting at 9:40 a.m.• Marcus Ehrlander presented the safety topic regarding winter holiday safety.• Had committee members and L&I staff introduce themselves.• Reported the Industrial Statistician/Program Manager position has not yet been filled but will be announced within the next month.
Review and approve minutes from last meeting – 6/20/13	Roosevelt Currie <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kathleen Garrity motioned to approve the minutes. Josh Swanson seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.
Budget Update	Liz Smith <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided a handout detailing the budget.• Discussed the budget package that was forwarded to the legislature for approval. It contained improvements for the PWIA system to address GC/CM contract situations and to provide upgrades which will reduce/eliminate the need to file paper forms; funding to create a system for filing certified payroll electronically as there is currently no secure method; and the ability to establish a contract release hub. Also included is a new internal position to assist the program manager with overseeing the production aspects of the program to include Intent, Affidavit, and certified payroll investigations, connecting with the field on such things as training needs, and help in compiling information for going to the legislature with budget needs. <p>Reported that this year has seen the highest number of Intents and Affidavits submitted in 5 years and that staff are maintaining processing goals. On an average, the CSS2 staff process about 875+ forms per day. Liz recognized secretary</p>

	supervisor Debbie Loomis' efforts.
Personnel Update	Roosevelt Currie <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announced that two CSS2 positions have been vacated; one was due to advancement and another staff member resigned for medical reasons. Neither position was for certified payroll. We will recruit for these positions in January.
General Program Update	Liz Smith <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announced that L&I released their new online version of the contractor look up website. A demonstration of the online system was provided and discussed the various items that can now be accessed regarding a specific contractor. Liz said that they are trying to assess the bugs in the system. If you find any, please use the feedback button.
Scope of Work Update	Jim Christensen Reported that there will be a Scopes of Work subcommittee meeting this afternoon after the PWAC meeting and will go into detail for each of the draft scopes.
Rule/Legislature/Legal Update	Marcus Ehrlander <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided a legal update handout in the meeting packets and reviewed each of the cases. Dave Myers requested the audience get a copy of this handout. Liz agreed.
NOVs/Strikes/Debarments	Ramona Christensen-Russell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided a handout to the committee detailing the number of NOVs/Strikes/Debarments for FY13 and to-date for FY14. Reported that there are currently 24 Director's Orders pending. The committee discussed what is included in the handout report and what information is captured and what is not. Liz agreed that there are a large number of interactions not captured in these numbers. The committee discussed how individual strikes relate to debarments. The committee discussed if certified payroll reports could be required before progress payments are made to a contractor. Liz said they will need to have a discussion regarding this at a later time.
Determinations/Requests Under Review/Policies	Roosevelt Currie <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported that there are 8 pending determinations and 3 pending redeterminations. Specifics of each were not provided. The committee engaged in a dialogue regarding whether owner/operators are required to file certified payroll documents pertaining to their duties on public works projects.
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look at ways to empower workers to police themselves. Eric Coffelt provided a picture from a WSDOT project that he felt was indicative of a misclassification issue. He asked if L&I was prepared to look this issue. Liz stated that if a complaint is received, L&I would look into it to see if it merits investigation. Miriam Israel Moses asked about the training schedule for prevailing wage training for contractors or awarding agencies.

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	Liz reported that there is training in the works. Shari Purves-Reiter is working with Laura Herman regarding providing webinar-based training.
Dates and Locations for upcoming meetings	<p>Liz Smith reported that the next PWAC meeting will be in Tumwater on March 12, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. A scopes meeting will follow at 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Dave Myers commented that the date may be a problem as it is the last day before the legislative session ends. Liz agreed that we can look at moving the meeting to a later date.</p>